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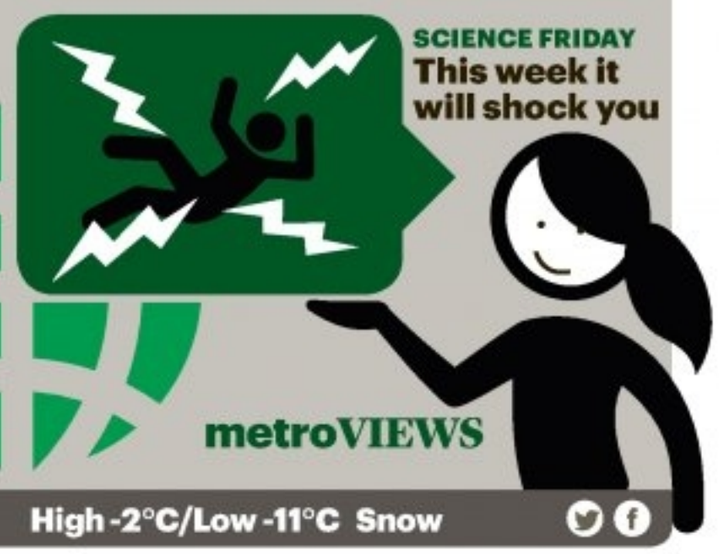

Luke Palka and Darlene Coward Wight show one of the 8,000 pieces to be displayed.
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Inuit art ends 6,000 km trip at WAG

Driving into water funding

INFRASTRUCTURE

$32 million will be diverted from sewer renewal into road repairs

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

One day after learning tax bills are on the rise, Winnipeg homeowners can also expect to pay more for water.

A report headed to Friday's committee on water and waste recommends increasing residents' water bills by $23 quarterly, or 9.2 per cent, starting April 1. This increase would be part of a three-year hike, which would see water and sewer rates rise by $23 and $25 in 2017 and 2018, respectively.

A dividend payment of 12 per cent taken from budgeted gross water and sewer sales will, however, be put toward the city's general revenue, according to finance chair Coun. Marty Morantz.

"We're taking the dividend and we're using it to fix our roads," he said Wednesday.

What that means for 2016 is roughly $32 million will be spent on road repairs, instead of paying for water and wastewater infrastructure.

Even though those costs include spending $1.2 billion to upgrade the city's sewer treatment plants, and at least another $1 billion for the combined-sewer overflow program and bio solids management.

"I think what people are happy to hear about is that we are fixing our roads. And we need to generate revenue within our operating budget to make sure that happens," Morantz said.

The chairman of the city committee that deals with water and waste issues says if that $32 million was solely used to pay for water infrastructure, taxpayers would feel a financial pinch elsewhere.

"We'd have to cut back or we'd have to increase frontage levy or property tax more," Coun. Brian Mayes said. "It's a balancing act."

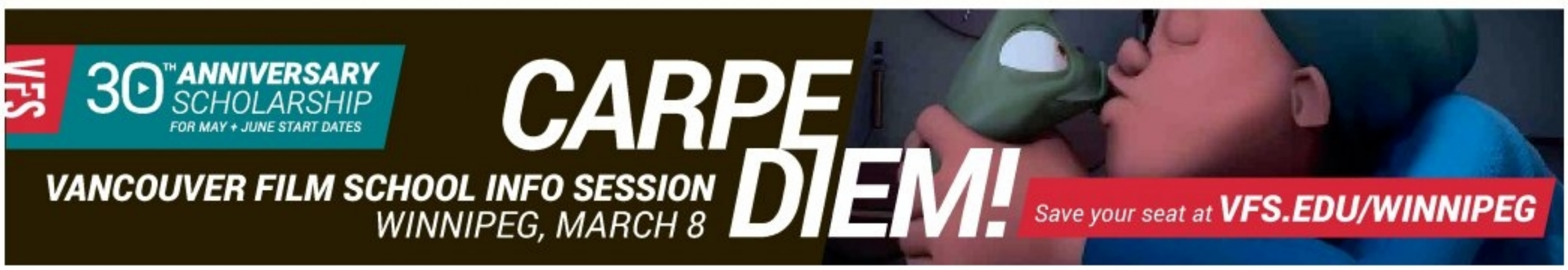
$23

The amount water bills would go up by if the recommendation goes through.

Moira Greer, acting director of the water and waste department, said Thursday increases to the water and sewer rates are driven by regulatory demands imposed by the province on the city.

Also driving up rates is the cost of water conservation.

The report shows that residents are consuming less water — as are many other Canadians — even though fixed costs remain the same, Greer said.



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Malagasy vet gets trained in Winnipeg

WILDLIFE

Doctor hoping to help lemurs in Madagascar

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

A Malagasy veterinarian is in Winnipeg to get first-hand surgery training in hopes of sparing native wildlife, like lemurs, from being decimated by stray animals in her home country.

"In school, you get next to no practical training," said Winnipeg veterinarian Jonas Watson about vet training in Madagascar.

Watson, of Tuxedo Animal Hospital, is one of the vets behind Mad Dog Initiative, an organization that goes to Madagascar to trap, spay or neuter and then release stray cats and dogs.

An overpopulation of strays on the island has wreaked havoc on native wildlife, said Watson, thanks in part to a lack of practical veterinary training to keep pet populations down.

In order to help Malagasy vets get that training, they're brought to Canada to learn surgery in a Canadian clinic.

On Feb. 26, vet Tsiky Rajaonarivelo left Madagascar for the first time and made the 30-hour flight to Winnipeg where she's working with about a dozen different vets, including at the clinic at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. She's currently at Birchwood Animal Hospital.

"She is a quick learner and she retains everything you tell her," Watson said.

"It's pretty different from what I know in my country because there are just lots of machines (here)," Rajaonarivelo said. "When we do the surgery in Madagascar ... we don't have the (same equipment.)"

Although the mechanics are different, she said she's learning things that she'll be able to use in her practice when she returns.

Next summer, Rajaonarivelo will be leading Mad Dog's spay and neuter project in Madagascar.

"It's very important for us to protect (our wildlife)."

She said Mad Dog is accepting donations of hospital supplies, such as gauze, for the project.

The non-profit paid for her to come to Winnipeg, so financial donations are being accepted to offset those costs, Watson said.

"I went there thinking we were going there to help dogs and help protect wildlife," said Watson.

But the most rewarding part has been helping the people there, such as Rajaonarivelo, by giving them opportunities.

AT A GLANCE

- Mad Dog Initiative was formed in 2013.
- The organization spays and neuters animals, vaccinates and monitors wildlife around Ranomafana National Park, Madagascar.
- Learn more at maddoginitiative.com.

Tsiky Rajaonarivelo with Birchwood Animal Hospital's resident cat, Harvey. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

> **We do this project to protect our wildlife.**
> Tsiky Rajaonarivelo

SPORTS

Jets owner to get $7M in tax breaks

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

While Winnipeggers will be digging deeper to foot higher tax bills in 2016, True North Sports and Entertainment will be making room to pocket more than $7 million in tax breaks.

Under an existing 25-year agreement, the city will refund $6.7 million from the 10 per cent municipal tax collected on events at the MTS Centre.

They will also refund $232,000 paid in business tax.

Coun. Marty Morantz, chairman of the city's finance committee, called it "unfortunate" that as city administrators search for efficiencies and deal with a growing operating deficit, its hands are tied to pay millions to True North.

"I've had our lawyers go and look back at that agreement, and there is no way out of it unfortunately," Morantz said Thursday.

The arrangement to refund the entertainment tax was struck in 2001 and came into effect in 2004 when the MTS Centre opened, which replaced the then aging Winnipeg Arena.

"I don't think at the time, in hindsight ... anyone would have anticipated the Jets would be back and the Moose would be here, so the value of the entertainment tax is going up and up and up," Morantz explained.

According to budget documents, the city has refunded upward of $40 million in entertainment taxes back to True North since 2005.

"What people don't realize is that when they buy a ticket to a Jets game, they're paying an entertainment tax, which is going directly to True North," added Morantz, saying he would not support the agreement if it were up for renewal.

Scott Brown, spokesman for the Winnipeg Jets, said on Thursday the deal is "nothing new", nor "should (it) raise any eyebrows."

When asked as to the possibility of renegotiating the terms of the agreement, he wouldn't comment, only saying "that would be something that the city would have to discuss with us first."

But according to Coun. Russ Wyatt, it's about time those discussions were had.

He believes the terms of the deal should be re-examined, especially considering the $9 million Mayor Brian Bowman says council will be asked to OK to spend on developing public spaces at the future $400-million True North Square.

"If you're asking for more tax dollars from the citizens of Winnipeg to help fund that development, there has to be a bit of a give and take on the entertainment tax," Wyatt said.

Besides True North, the city will pay back $1.4 million to The Winnipeg Football Club in entertainment taxes, and $316,000 in both entertainment taxes and municipal property tax to the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

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PETITION

Winnipeg Centre MP wants 'mincome'

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Winnipeg Centre MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette wants to see a guaranteed minimum income pilot project happen, and wants Canadians to back his plan.

He's seeking signatures on a petition asking the Government of Canada to fund "mincome" pilot projects in the upcoming budget.

"We already have a basic minimum income for seniors — the guaranteed income supplement—and the Liberal Canada child benefit is essentially a guaranteed income for children," Oulette said in a prepared statement.

"If you sign the petition, it will help show that Canadians support the idea of Mincome projects, and making a difference in ending poverty."

> **it will help show that Canadians support the idea of ... making a difference in ending poverty.**
> Robert-Falcon Ouellette

He points to a Manitoba mincome pilot that took place in Dauphin between 1974 and 1979 as a successful example.

Co-funded by the Liberal government of the day, the project proved people's health improved—evidenced by fewer hospital visits—and school attendance and graduation rates both increased.

While campaigning, Oulette met a constituent who benefited from the program.

"She was able to finish school, get her (Bachelor of Science degree), and her two sons went on to get Master's degrees," he said.

He believes that the pilot is important to know about, and thinks the idea can work in today's economy. Canadians can sign the petition online at petitions.parl.gc.ca

Robert-Falcon Ouellette has launched a petition to see a pilot project happen for minimum guaranteed income. METRO FILE

Liberal leader accepts candidate resignation

POLITICS

Jamie Hall apologizes, defends tweets about women

A Manitoba Liberal candidate who used derogatory terms to refer to women on social media was denounced by the party's leader after resigning Thursday.

Jamie Hall was nominated as a Winnipeg-area candidate Tuesday night. Less than 24 hours later, the NDP demanded his resignation after unearthing dozens of tweets over the years in which Hall used terms such as "whore" and "skank."

Hall initially apologized but also defended his comments by calling them humorous and satirical.

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari didn't weigh in until Thursday, issuing a statement saying she had accepted Hall's resignation.

"The comments were disgusting," she told reporters later in the day.

"That's not who we are as a party. That's not who I am as a person. As a woman, you can imagine I feel sick to my stomach right now even just standing here."

Hall wrote about the resignation on his blog Thursday. He said his tweets were taken out of context, so he would not be running.

"Because all the positive posts I've made don't count, and my actions (working with women, having great relationships with women, etc.) are seen as less of a true window into my soul," he wrote.

"People want their politicians to be perfect. People talk like me, but they're not running for office, so I get the scrutiny."

Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari accepted Jamie Hall's apology and his resignation Thursday.
BRAEDEN JONES/METRO FILE

> **I would have preferred to see a leader intervene and ask for the resignation.** Sharon Blady

Hall's tweets, dating back several years, repeatedly referred to women in derogatory terms. In one tweet, Hall asked whether a whore can truly be a whore if no one hears her scream. In his blog post, Hall said it was an excerpt from his self-published novel, although the book is not referenced.

"This does not reflect my personal views on women at all," he wrote.

Another said: "You can put glasses on a whore but you can't put a whore on glasses."

Still another said: "I am prejudicial against women politicians" in reference to former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin and Republican politician Michele Bachmann.

"This whole tweet is strange," Hall wrote on his blog. "I was running in a party with a female leader, and she's amazing."

Bokhari said Hall was vetted before being named a candidate but his tweets weren't seen.

"At the end of the day, something happened and something was missed," she said.

"We're doing everything we can to go back and retrace those steps to see where the gap was and trying our best to move forward and make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Health Minister Sharon Blady, speaking on behalf of the NDP, said Bokhari's silence for a day after the tweets came to light did not send a strong enough signal that sexism isn't tolerated.

"You would hope from a leader that there would be clear, decisive action," Blady said.

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School of Rock ready to roll

EDUCATION

Experiential academy part of franchise operation

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Mike Reis stands in the soon-to-be-open **Winnipeg School of Rock**. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Would the real Ned Schneebly please stand up?

Mike Reis, general manager of Winnipeg's soon-to-open School of Rock, said he's prepared for people to tap the obvious allusion and reference the Jack Black movie by the same title.

The actual experiential music school he'll be running on Corydon Avenue is a franchise, spinning off the success of 170 others in the United States to date, the first of which opened in Philadelphia in 1998 and inspired the film.

"There's been upwards of 20,000 students that have attended School of Rock schools," Reis said. "They've begun to branch out (from the United States)."

There are a couple of locations in Southern Ontario, and the Winnipeg School of Rock will be the first in Western Canada.

So what is it going to offer? Looking at the movie isn't totally a inaccurate guideline, but it is a bit reductive.

"Everyone is familiar with the traditional music lesson… what we do is different," Reis said. "Our motto is, 'We teach music by playing music.'

"What I mean by that is we take a step forward and include the performance aspect in the music lesson."

There are multiple programs that will be offered, including two age groups of the performance program.

"It will include a one-on-one lesson every week, but they are immediately applying that to a rehearsal later that week… and ultimately rehearsing, leading up to performance in a real venue in front of a real crowd," Reis said. "It's taking all of the technical aspects, theory, all of the knowledge of music… we teach them that through modern music."

> **Our motto is, 'We teach music by playing music.'**
> Mike Reis, GM of Winnipeg School of Rock

He likens joining the School of Rock to joining a sports league for music. More hands-on learning by doing and trial by fire than conventional music lessons, every aspect of performance, including promoting the shows, is in the hands of students—who learn from each other as much as the instructors, Reis said.

This weekend, School of Rock Winnipeg is hosting a grand opening.

At 10 a.m., the Little Wing program — named after a Jimi Hendrix song and geared for three- to five-year-olds — will be introduced, and anyone with kids interested in a preschool music-lesson atmosphere can sample for free.

At 11 the Rookies program for six- to eight-year-olds, is free for drop-ins. It helps kids find a "musical identity" with exposure to a variety of instruments rather than deciding they'll learn guitar or drums.

And from noon to 6 p.m. there will be a party with food, live music, raffles and giveaways.

Anyone enrolling will be entered into a draw for a Winnipeg Jets painted guitar and Jets tickets.

Reis is hopeful the School of Rock is something people are keen to check out.

"It goes beyond the music," he said.

NDP backbencher **Dave Gaudreau** HANDOUT

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Sick-note bill not looking so healthy

A proposed law on employee sick notes appears to be on life support at the Manitoba legislature.

Dave Gaudreau, a backbencher in the NDP government, has put forward a bill that would forbid bosses from requesting sick notes from a worker until the worker had missed at least seven days in a calendar year.

Gaudreau says the change would free up doctors' time and save workers from paying fees for sick notes.

Some business groups oppose the idea and say requiring sick notes is a way to manage absenteeism.

The bill came up this morning, but the Opposition Progressive Conservatives debated it until the allotted time ran out.

Gaudreau says he hopes to debate the bill again before the April 19 election, but admits time is running out and there are other bills on the government's agenda.

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CRIME

Driver can't shake police
RCMP charged a 31-year-old Winnipeg man after stopping a vehicle that had been reported stolen on Monday evening near Canmore, Alta.

The driver first stopped, but then sped away from police westbound on the highway. The vehicle was intercepted and the suspect was arrested.

Christopher Johnson has been charged with possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000, operation of a motor vehicle while being pursued by police and driving while disqualified.

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Bear spray incident at mall
A 15-year-old Winnipeg boy is facing four counts of assault with a weapon after several youths were attacked with bear spray.

Police say they were called Tuesday night about a disturbance at a mall. Police say one youth confronted a group of teens inside the mall and that's when four people were hit with bear spray.

A police dog found a suspect outside the mall and a canister of bear spray was seized.

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Aspiring hockey players will be able to train at Churchill High School's new hockey academy. METRO FILE

Hockey academy set to open

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL

Program blend of academics and skill development

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Registration is now open for a new hockey academy catering to puck-focussed Grade 7 and 8 students in Winnipeg.

Churchill High School Vice-Principal Dominic Zagari said the new hockey academy opening at his school is a first for the Winnipeg School Division, and will blend education with hockey skill development.

The board of trustees approved the plan recently, but it's an idea he's been kicking around for years.

"I'm just thinking a lot of people were sending their kids all over the place and for us to be so centrally located, it's really convenient for a lot of families," he said.

The Churchill High School Hockey Academy will blend requisite hours in compulsory academic subjects at Churchill High School and incorporate hockey-specific instruction both off ice and on ice at Southdale arena.

School days would begin at the rink with instruction from hockey experts, and later a normal class schedule will ensure that academics are still a priority, Zagari said.

To be eligible for the program, offered in both French and English, student athletes must register with the school and be members of separate Hockey Manitoba teams.

Churchill High School Principal Donna Miller said the program is "marrying academics and athletics in a more meaningful way."

"There is a great demand," Miller said. "In conversations with other parents and people within the various communities, they were expressing the desire to have something like this."

The program is approved for 24 to 28 students. If the information session being held March 9 proves demand is greater, Miller said it could scale up.

In a statement, board chair Mark Wasyliw called the new program "a great opportunity for Winnipeg students with a love for hockey to develop the skills while pursuing excellence in their education."

"It takes passion and discipline to be successful — which is what the Churchill Hockey Academy is about."

LABOUR

Money, staffing heart of midwives dispute

Some women in Manitoba say they are worried a labour dispute involving Winnipeg's midwives could result in a strike.

Thirty midwives working within the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority voted 91 per cent in favour of a strike mandate in January.

On Wednesday, both sides met in a conciliation meeting but there were fears that if a deal was not reached, a strike could be imminent.

> **They don't want to go on strike.**
> Laurissa Smerchanski-Sims

Midwives within CUPE 2348 have been working without a contract for almost two years.

Their collective agreement expired in March 2014.

Alicia Thwaites, who used a midwife in the delivery of her two children, says a strike would be devastating for everyone involved.

"They don't want to go on strike, they don't want to put their clients out," said supporter Laurissa Smerchanski-Sims.

"They are fighting for wage equality and equity within their profession, they are fighting to get more midwives and funding for the education program."

The union has said hundreds of more midwives are needed to meet current demand.

"We need to be able to make sure that the midwives that are trained in Manitoba actually get their training," Smerchanski-Sims said.

"And that they don't leave Manitoba and those that have left Manitoba have an opportunity to come back."

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Like 'Christmas for a curator' as pieces land

GALLERY

WAG's world-leading Inuit art collection gets even bigger

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Last week, six high-security shipments filled with a huge priceless art collection finished the final leg of a 6,000-kilometre journey to bring Winnipeg Inuit treasures that haven't been seen in a generation.

A new partnership between the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) and the governments of Manitoba and Nunavut will see the more than 8,000 Inuit artifacts displayed on a long-term loan.

"The Government of Nunavut has entrusted the WAG with this collection for a period of five years," said gallery director Stephen Borys.

He explained that the rarely seen collection, which has been in storage since Nunavut became a territory, will eventually be a key feature of the planned $60-million Inuit Art Centre downtown.

But first, a selection of the prints, drawings, carvings, ceramics and canvas — currently being carefully curated — will be displayed at the WAG this spring.

Borys said the WAG is well suited to handle the massive collection, as it has been collecting Inuit art for more than 60 years — amassing 14,000 pieces for the largest collection in the world, now growing considerably larger.

> **8,000**
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> More than 8,000 Inuit artifacts are on long-term loan to the Winnipeg Art Gallery thanks to the new partnership between the gallery and governments of Manitoba and Nunavut.

"This is a really unique partnership … which is going to allow the world to see a collection that has not been on view," he said.

Besides dramatically increasing the WAG's Inuit art collection for display, Luke Palka, the WAG's manager of production and design, said the arrival of the Nunavut collection also marks one of the larger shipments of delicate art the museum has received.

He said shipping art often means a few dozen crates or single pieces.

> "It has been a massive undertaking logistically to get (the collection) down from Yellowknife.
>
> Luke Palka, WAG manager of production and design

"This collection here is over 50 crates, (and) there has been hundreds of custom boxes created," he said. "It has been a massive undertaking logistically to get it down from Yellowknife."

Radovan Radulovic, head of conservation, said there is also "condition reporting" done at each end of the shipment.

It's painstaking work.

"There are pieces literally smaller than the size of a grain of rice … (and) sculptures that are a couple feet, two or three feet in diameter," he said.

Experienced Inuit art curator Darlene Coward Wight said one of the stone sculptures, a piece from renowned Cape Dorset artist Kiugak Ashoona, was "really exciting" to uncrate Thursday, likening the experience to "Christmas for a curator."

Borys also said showcasing the Nunavut collection expands collaboration between the WAG and the North — and holds the promise of creating future sharing opportunities.

Inuit art curator Darlene Coward Wight shows off a few pieces in storage Thursday. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

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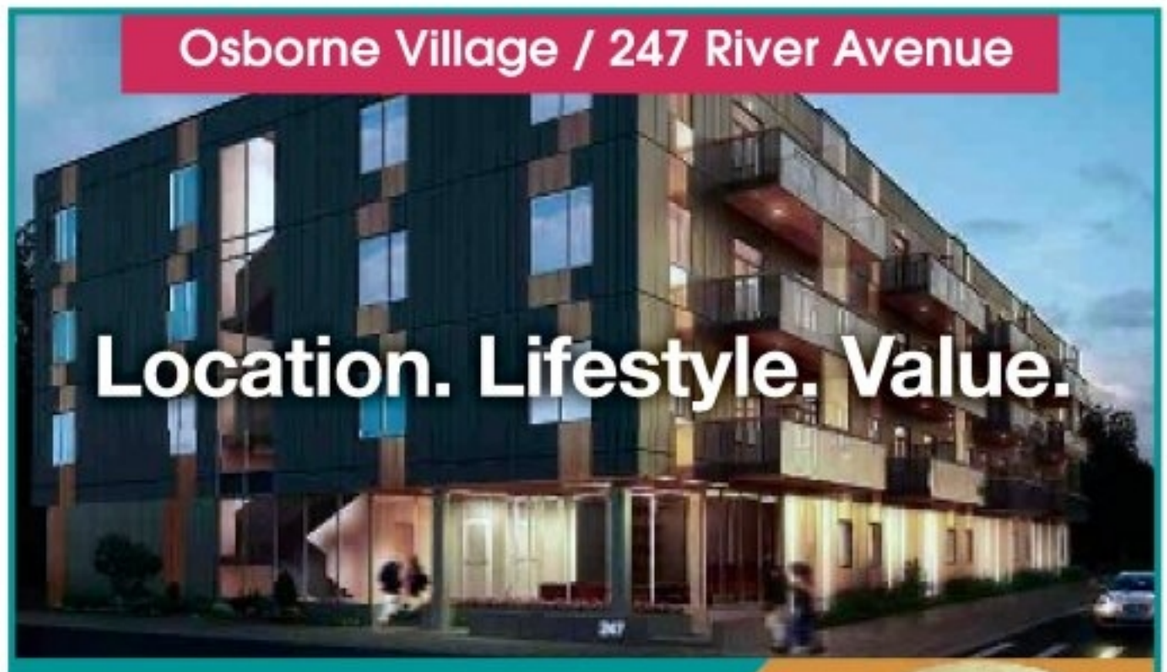

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Asbestos found at school

HEALTH

First Nations students have missed class since Tuesday

About 500 students have been forced from a school on a western Manitoba reserve following the discovery of asbestos in the building.

The students on the Ebb & Flow First Nation, about 250 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg, have been out of their classes since Tuesday when asbestos debris fell from a wall.

The Ebb & Flow School Authority says initial air-quality tests confirmed trace amounts of asbestos — about 0.05 parts per million — were found in the air.

Jean Malcolm, the authority's director of education, says there are no reports of children getting sick due to exposure to the mineral.

Malcolm says the school closure is a precautionary move during air-quality testing and cleanup.

Staff members are also creating backup plans for students.

Ebb & Flow council member Darrell Mousseau said a "second opinion" on asbestos levels is being sought through another air-quality test.

"We (hope) we can get kids back into school on Friday or the beginning of next week," he said.

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500

Approximately 500 students on the Ebb & Flow First Nation reserve have been affected by the discovery of asbestos.

> We hope we can get kids back into school on Friday or the beginning of next week.
> Darrell Mousseau

A school on the Ebb & Flow First Nation reserve was closed Tuesday after asbestos debris fell from a wall inside the school. ISTOCK

IN BRIEF

Drunk driver sentenced to 32 months for man's death

A Manitoba man who drove drunk and caused a crash that killed a man on his way to work has been sentenced to 32 months in jail.

Martin Jolicoeur, 30, will also be banned from driving for three years upon his release.

Robert Joubert, who was 22, was killed in June 2012 when his SUV was rear-ended on the Trans-Canada Highway just east of Winnipeg.

The Crown outlined how Jolicoeur was driving at 170 km/h when he hit Joubert's car. The impact threw Joubert out of the rear of his vehicle even though he was wearing a seat belt.

Court heard Jolicoeur tried to give Joubert CPR at the scene, but Joubert was pronounced dead in hospital after the crash.

The family read out a eulogy as well as victim impact statements in court.

Joubert's father, Dan, said he wanted justice because he didn't want other families to go through this.

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Carbon pricing accord

CLIMATE CHANGE

Ministers in agreement — with regional adaptations

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada's premiers have agreed that carbon pricing will be part of any national plan to address climate change.

He said they will study pricing options that would be adapted to the specific circumstances of each province and territory.

The working group is one of four announced by Trudeau in Vancouver on Thursday after a day-long climate-change meeting with first ministers.

Trudeau said they are to meet again in the fall when the working groups are to report back.

"The commitment we made today, with the Vancouver Declaration, shows all first ministers in this country united on carbon pricing mechanisms," he said.

"The fact that we have consensus on the need to include carbon pricing in our approach to addressing climate change right across the country is a great thing indeed."

He added he's happy there's a plan to move forward while respecting regional differences.

"The working group that we have put together will dig into the mechanisms that will be most effective and most appropriate for each jurisdiction, recognizing that there are areas that face greater challenges."

The federal government has been quietly insisting for weeks that a national carbon price, as promised in the Liberal election platform, will be imposed from above if provinces are unable to agree. The day started with several premiers pushing back against that federal resolve.

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil suggested there was "more than one way to deal with the carbon issue."

He said Atlantic Canada's heavy spending on hydro-electric transmission has effectively already built in a carbon price with electricity rates that are the highest in Canada.

Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski said he and his fellow territorial premiers are against imposing additional costs on consumers of fossil fuels in the North.

Brad Wall of Saskatchewan came to Vancouver warning against a carbon tax in a fragile Canadian economy, but cleared the air Wednesday by saying his province would participate "constructively" in any working groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau leads Canada's premiers to a news conference during the First Ministers Meeting in Vancouver on Thursday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ MANITOBA

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, who faces re-election this spring, said there's a common understanding among premiers that action on climate change can and should take many paths. "The do-nothing option is not there," he said.

BORDER

Police project delayed

A Canada-U.S. initiative to create new, cross-border law-enforcement teams has been "postponed" due to unresolved concerns about how to treat police officers accused of breaking the law.

The so-called next-generation border project has been put off as discussions continue with U.S. officials — almost four years after pilot projects were supposed to begin, said Staff Sgt. Julie Gagnon, a force spokeswoman.

The initiative — part of the 2011 Canada-U.S. perimeter security pact — would see the two countries build on joint border-policing efforts by creating integrated teams in areas such as intelligence and criminal investigations.

Two pilot projects were supposed to get underway by summer 2012.

But in 2013, it emerged that the effort was being held up by the difficult question of which country's legal system would apply if a police officer were accused of breaking the law.

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IMMIGRATION LAW

Time to rewrite Citizenship Act for 'lost' Canadians: Advocate

When it comes to immigration law, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau likes to say, "A Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian." But one advocate says it's actually not that simple.

Before giving a convicted terrorist back his claim to the Maple Leaf, the Liberal government should consider all the law-abiding people who can't get citizenship because the existing law creates too many roadblocks, said Don Chapman, who has for years championed the cause of so-called "lost Canadians."

It's time for the Citizenship Act to be scrapped and rewritten, Chapman said — and he believes the upcoming 150th anniversary of Confederation is the perfect time.

Those born in Canada were considered British until the definition of Canadian citizenship was established in 1947, which is where the problems began. For instance, a baby born outside Canada to a Canadian woman married to a non-Canadian man wasn't considered Canadian, but a baby born to an unmarried Canadian woman was.

In 1977, an updated law created new issues. It established the concept of dual citizenship, but did not restore Canadian citizenship for those who lost theirs when they switched under the earlier law.

The consequences of these two pieces of legislation were people who became known as "lost Canadians" — mostly those who believed themselves to be citizens, but by law were not.

The act has been amended several times. There are now 18 definitions of what makes a person a Canadian citizen with more than a dozen caveats, linked to everything from what year they were born to whether their parents were Canadian diplomats or soldiers.

Still, Chapman said he hears from people nearly every day who have suddenly learned they aren't citizens, or can't get the decades-old birth certificates of their now-deceased parents to prove they are. They end up in endless battles with the government or before the courts, and need a citizenship ombudsman who could help, speeding up the system at the same time.

And yet the first thing the Liberals did with the Citizenship Act was to restore the status of a convicted terrorist, Chapman said.

They did it with Bill C-6, introduced last month to revoke a provision of the existing law that allowed dual citizens to be stripped of their citizenship if convicted of terrorism or other crimes against the country.

"From my point of view, this is a question of principle," Immigration Minister John McCallum said in announcing the proposed changes last week.

"If one believes that a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian, and there is only one class of Canadian, those principles must be applied universally."

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+ BILL C-6

The Liberal law will restore citizenship to the one person who lost it under the old bill — Zakaria Amara, now serving a life sentence in connection with a plot to bomb Toronto.

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EUROPEAN UNION

Mass deportation of migrants considered

Turkey is under growing pressure to consider a major escalation in migrant deportations from Greece, a top European Union official said Thursday, amid preparations for a highly anticipated summit of EU and Turkish leaders next week.

European Council President Donald Tusk ended a six-nation tour of migration crisis countries in Turkey, where 850,000 migrants and refugees left last year for Greek islands.

"We agree that the refugee flows still remain far too high," Tusk said after meeting Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu.

"To many in Europe, the most promising method seems to be a fast and large-scale mechanism to ship back irregular migrants arriving in Greece. It would effectively break the business model of the smugglers."

Tusk was careful to single out illegal economic migrants for possible deportation, not asylum-seekers. And he wasn't clear who would actually carry out the expulsions: Greece itself, EU border agency Frontex or even other organizations like NATO.

32,000

Greek officials said that nearly 32,000 migrants were stranded in the country following a decision by Austria and four ex-Yugolsav countries to drastically reduce the flow of refugees.

"We consider the (Macedonian) border to be closed ... Letting 80 through a day is not significant," Migration Minister Ioannis Mouzals said.

He said the army had built 10,000 additional places at temporary shelters since the border closures, with work underway on a further 15,000.

But a top UN official on migration warned that number of people stranded in Greece could quickly double.

Peter Sutherland said the "inevitable consequence" of closed borders throughout the Balkans "is that Greece increasingly becomes a camp for refugees and migrants."

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Migrants line up outside the hospitality centre of the Greek Island of Samos. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

American finds possible Flight MH370 debris
An American adventurer named Blaine Gibson said that he discovered part of an aircraft on a sandbar off the coast of Mozambique. The debris could be from the Malaysia Airlines flight that disappeared two years ago with 239 people aboard.
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Cholera kills dozens every month in Haiti
Cholera, which arrived in Haiti in October 2010, has sickened more than 770,000 people and killed more than 9,200. So far this year, it has sickened more than 6,000 and is killing an average of 37 people a month.
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Kalamazoo shooter to be examined before trial
A man charged in the Jan. 20 fatal shooting of six people in Michigan will undergo a mental competency exam to determine if he can participate in his defence. Prosecutor Jeff Getting said the review of 45-year-old Jason Dalton's mental health could delay the criminal case by at least two months.
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Mitt Romney, top left, gives a speech on the state of the Republican party in Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday. **Romney spoke about Donald Trump, right, calling him a fraud** and arguing against his nomination, a sentiment with which Sen. John McCain, bottom right, agreed. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump blasted by McCain, Romney

POLITICS

Ex-presidential nominees urge GOP to shun frontrunner

The Republican's most recent presidential nominees, Mitt Romney and John McCain, lambasted current front-runner Donald Trump on Thursday, calling him unfit for office and a danger for the nation, in an extraordinary show of intra-party chaos.

"His is not the temperament of a stable, thoughtful leader," Romney declared.

He called Trump "a phoney" who is "playing the American public for suckers," a man whose "imagination must not be married to real power."

Hours later, Trump lashed back, calling Romney "a choke artist" who lost to Barack Obama four years ago only because he was such a poor candidate.

The vicious feud marked a near-unprecedented scenario pitting the Republican Party's most prominent leaders, past and present, against each other as Democrats begin to unite around Hillary Clinton. Underlying the clash is a bleak reality for panicking Republican officials. Beyond harsh words, there is little they see to stop Trump's march toward the presidential nomination.

Party leaders are poring over complicated delegate math, outlining hazy scenarios for a contested national convention and even flirting with the idea of a third-party effort.

Romney confidant Ron Kaufman, a senior member of the Republican National Committee, openly embraced the possibility of a contested convention: "If that's the only way to stop Trump, it makes sense," he said.

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TALKING BACK

Kelly prepares for debate
All eyes are on Megyn Kelly and Donald Trump during Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly in Thursday's Republican presidential debate. She said she prepared the same "tough but fair" questions for him as she does for other candidates.

Kelly and Trump clashed during the first GOP debate last summer. Trump then boycotted a debate that Fox telecast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MISSILE LAUNCH

North Korea readies nuclear weapons

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has ordered his country's nuclear weapons made ready for use at a moment's notice, the official state news agency reported Friday.

Kim also said his country will ready its military so it is prepared to carry out pre-emptive attacks, calling the current situation very precarious, according to KCNA.

On Thursday, North Korea fired six short-range projectiles into the sea off its east coast, South Korean officials said, just hours after the UN Security Council approved the toughest sanctions on the North in two decades for its recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch.

The firings also came shortly after South Korea's National Assembly passed its first legislation on human rights in North Korea.

It wasn't immediately known exactly what North Korea fired, and the projectiles could be missiles, artillery or rockets, South Korea's Defence Ministry said.

North Korea routinely test-fires missiles and rockets, but often conducts weapons launches when angered at international condemnation.

Thursday's firings were seen as a "low-level" response to the UN sanctions, with North Korea unlikely to launch any major provocation until its landmark ruling Workers' Party convention in May, according to Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul.

North Korea has not issued an official reaction to the new UN sanctions.

"No kind of sanctions will ever work on us, because we've lived under U.S. sanctions for more than half a century," said Pyongyang resident Song Hyo Il.

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150 km

The projectiles, fired from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan, **flew about 100 to 150 kilometres before landing in the sea,** South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

SPAIN

Princess speaks in tax trial

Spain's Princess Cristina testified Thursday at her tax fraud trial that her husband handled all bill payments for the couple and she didn't know why some costs for their lavish lifestyle including an African safari and more than 1,000 euros ($1,100) for wine were charged to a credit card for a company they co-owned.

The princess spent about 20 minutes answering questions from her lawyer aimed at distancing her from involvement with Aizoon, the real estate consulting company he ran from an office inside the Barcelona mansion they lived in for years with their four children but were forced to sell as their legal troubles mounted.

Asked by her lawyer why she never talked with her husband about what the company did, Cristina responded that "they weren't issues that interested me. At that time my children were very small and we were very busy."

"He was in charge of the family expenses. I didn't get involved in that," she added.

The case centres on accusations that Urdangarin used his former title of Duke of Palma to embezzle about 6 million euros ($6.6 million) in public funds for the non-profit Noos Institute he ran with a partner that put on sport conferences. Seventeen people are charged, including Urdangarin and the princess.

Immediately after taking the stand, Cristina invoked her right to answer only questions posed by her own lawyer and sat silently and listened, but didn't respond to questions.

Under Spanish law, groups like the Manos Limpias (Clean Hands) organization involved in the princess' trial can pursue criminal charges against people when authorities decide not to do so. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain's Princess Cristina arrives at the courthouse. JOAN LLADO/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA's Kelly welcomed back after year in space

ASTRONAUTS

Spaceman takes a swim after setting records for U.S.

NASA's yearlong spaceman Scott Kelly took a long-anticipated plunge Thursday, jumping into his backyard pool, astronaut outfit and all.

"Oh, man, that feels good," Kelly said as he floated to the surface.

After nearly a year of space sponge baths, Kelly didn't even take time to change out of his blue flight suit. He walked right up to the edge of the pool, tilted sideways and fell in. It was still dark outside early Thursday morning in Houston — he'd been yearning for this moment throughout his U.S.-record setting mission.

A video of his plunge was posted to his Twitter account Thursday, a day after his return from the International Space Station.

"There's no place like home," he tweeted.

Kelly — looking and acting remarkably hearty after 340 days in space — was reunited with his family earlier in the morning in Houston after a flight from Kazakhstan, where his mission ended.

> After 340 days off the planet and 5,400 times around it, it's good to have you home.
> Retired astronaut Mark Kelly

Kelly's girlfriend, Johnson Space Center public affairs representative Amiko Kauderer, and his two daughters, ages 20 and 12, rushed into his arms after he exited the NASA jet. His identical twin, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, and their father were next to greet him. Also welcoming him home: Mark's wife, former Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

This last leg of his journey, by plane, took a whole day because of weather delays. So it was in the wee hours — 27 hours after returning to Earth in a Russian Soyuz capsule — when Kelly finally got to Houston's Ellington Airport near Johnson Space Center.

"I'm used to going 17,500 m.p.h., but this airplane doesn't do quite that," Kelly joked at a brief welcoming ceremony attended by Jill Biden, wife of Vice-President Joe Biden.

She brought him a gift of beer from President Barack Obama and some apple pie. "Nothing's more American than that!" she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International Space Station (ISS) crew member Scott Kelly gestures after landing near the town of Dzhezkazgan, Kazakhstan. NASA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONSERVATION

Yellowstone grizzly bear protections may be lifted

The federal government is proposing to lift threatened-species protections for hundreds of Yellowstone-area grizzlies, opening the door to future hunts for the fearsome bears across parts of three states for the first time since the 1970s.

The Associated Press obtained details of the proposal in advance of a planned Thursday announcement. It caps a four-decade, government-sponsored effort to rebuild the grizzly population and follows the lifting of protections in recent years for more than a dozen other species, including the grey wolf, brown pelican and flying squirrel.

Hunting within Yellowstone National Park would still be prohibited. But the proposal could allow animals to be taken in surrounding parts of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

"By the time the curtain closes on the Obama administration, we are on track to have delisted more species due to recovery than all previous administrations combined," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe told the AP. "We've done that because of several decades of hard work, like with the grizzly bear."

Grizzlies once roamed much of North America and came to symbolize the continent's untamed wilderness. Hunters and trappers had nearly wiped them out across most of the Lower 48 states by the late 1800s.

A final decision on the proposal is due within a year. It could come sooner if state wildlife commissioners act quickly to adopt rules on how much hunting is allowed. Those rules are not mandatory under the federal proposal, federal officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Kodiak bear named Dodge arrived last fall at a zoo in Ohio. THE TOLEDO ZOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Festivals feel loonie's pinch

ECONOMY

Music and arts events booking more Canadian performers

The Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival has recruited some notable American names in the past, including Saturday Night Live star Kate McKinnon and writer-actor Michael Ian Black.

But this year it will be an exclusively Canadian event for a reason that's no laughing matter: The low loonie means the fest can't afford to book international talent.

This year's lineup is all homegrown and a bit more eclectic than usual, with names including Rush guitarist Alex Lifeson and Dave Bidini of the Rheostatics, along with comedians Gavin Crawford, Jessica Holmes and Sean Cullen.

They may be household names on this side of the border, but the festival isn't expecting to sell as many tickets as in previous years.

"I think we probably will not," says Paul Snepsts, executive director of the event, which kicked off Thursday.

"That's not because of a lack of talent in this country. It just seems, and I think this is true in music as well as comedy, that we have a tendency to be prone to buying into something once it has achieved success elsewhere."

Some other arts festivals are also grappling with the weak dollar.

"We're feeling it somewhat," says Josh Grossman, artistic director of the TD Toronto Jazz Festival, which showcases talent from around the world.

Grossman says he's heard organizers of other festivals say the loonie is also affecting their approach to programming.

He expects his festival may have to raise some ticket prices "a little bit."

"It's hard to say exactly, but a show that we might have been able to sell for $25 last year is maybe going to be $30 this year, that sort of thing," he says.

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FIRST VICTIM

Squamish Valley Music Festival cancelled

B.C.'s Squamish Valley Music Festival, which takes place in August, has officially been cancelled for 2016. Squamish Mayor Patricia Heintzman said organizers told her it was a "business decision," which she suspects was likely influenced by the low Canadian dollar.

METRO

Janneke Coenen dances at the Squamish Valley Music Festival in August last year. The festival has been cancelled for 2016, and Squamish Mayor Patricia Heintzman suspects the dollar influenced that decision. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

HEALTH

Google joins the Zika fight

Google is donating $1 million to fight the spread of the Zika virus and offering engineers and data scientists help to determine where it will hit next.

Zika has become an epidemic in Latin America and the Caribbean since last fall. The virus is mainly spread through mosquito bites and has been linked to birth defects.

Google said it is in a good position to assist since its mission is to help people find information, and it has experience analyzing large sets of data. The company has seen a more than 3,000 per cent increase in global search interest in Zika since November.

The Mountain View, Calif., company's grant will go to UNICEF and be used to help reduce mosquito populations and support the development of diagnostics and vaccines as well as work to prevent virus transmission.

Google's engineers are helping to build a platform to process data on things like weather and travel patterns to predict potential outbreaks. The company said the platform will be used to help government officials and others to decide where to focus their resources.

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FISHERIES

Warmer ocean points to boom in lobster catch

Maine's lobster catches will likely peak early this year, which could mean an abundance of cheap lobster for consumers and bad news for the state's signature industry, a group of scientists reported Thursday.

Maine's busy summer lobster fishing season typically picks up around early July, the same time the state's tourism industry gets in gear. But scientists with the Portland-based Gulf of Maine Research Institute predict this year's lobster season will get rolling two or three weeks early.

The scientists, who unveiled their findings during the Maine Fishermen's Forum in Rockport, pinned the early lobster season on warming ocean temperatures. Along Maine's coast, temperatures are higher than normal, which means lobsters are likely to move inshore, shed their shells and become more easily trapped earlier this summer, they said.

An early lobster season can disrupt Maine's valuable lobster supply chain, which is partially dependent on big July and August catches, and make prices plummet. Prices at the dock fell 16 per cent in 2012, a year of early catches, and prices to consumers fell, too. The 2014 haul shattered state value records because of a high-volume catch that arrived on schedule.

"If the timing is off by just a few weeks, it can have a major impact throughout the supply chain," said Andrew Pershing, the chief scientific officer with the research institute.

Scientists predict this year's lobster season will begin two or three weeks early. ISTOCK

Maine is by far the most productive lobster fishing state in the country, accounting for more than 80 per cent of the haul in 2014, and the industry has been riding a wave of heavy hauls and high values in recent years.

Annual lobster catches in the U.S. grew from 71.7 million pounds in 2003 to about 148 million pounds in 2014. The total value of the catch about doubled in that time.

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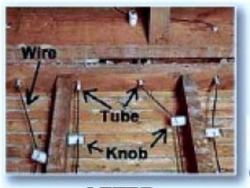

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SCIENCE FRIDAYS

Stress and grief can trigger heart trouble. A new study shows joyous events like becoming a grandparent can break your heart too.

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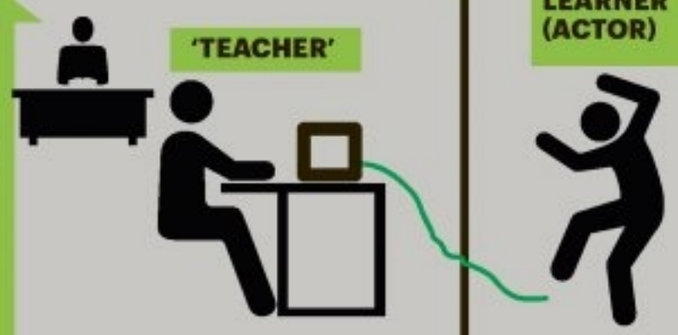
'Just following orders'

That was the catchphrase of the **Milgram experiments**, some of the most infamous studies in the history of science. In the 1960s, psychologist Stanley Milgram believed he'd proven regular people could be easily convinced to inflict what they thought was a painful, or even deadly, electric shock on somebody if they were ordered to by an authority figure. He said it was a profound insight into the minds of perpetrators of atrocities like the Holocaust. But reputable science must be replicable. And the Milgram experiments, which required that researchers tell people to harm others, were so ethically problematic there was really no way to repeat them in a modern lab. But now, someone has tried.

The original Milgram experiments

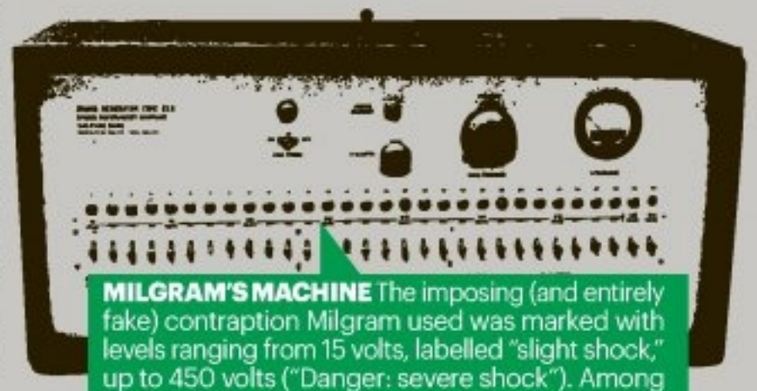
Stanley Milgram, 1963

EXPERIMENTER
As the "shocks" and screams got more intense, the lab assistant delivered lines from a script if participants started to express doubts. First "Please continue," then "The experiment requires that you continue," then "It is absolutely essential that you continue" and finally "You have no other choice, you must go on."



STUDY TITLE: BEHAVIOURAL STUDY OF OBEDIENCE

Method: The volunteer research subject, called "the teacher," read a list of words for "the learner," an actor who was hooked up to a (fake) shock machine in another room, out of sight. If the learner made a mistake repeating the words, the teacher was instructed to deliver ever-stronger electric shocks. Prerecorded screams were played, and just before the highest shock was to be given, the learner fell silent. **Result:** In one experiment, 65 per cent of "teachers" obeyed all orders, right up to the end.

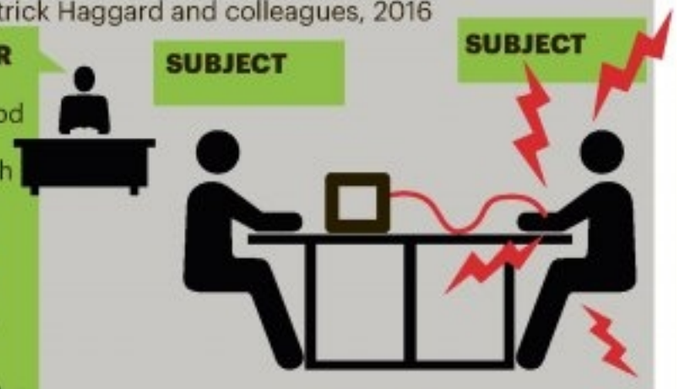


MILGRAM'S MACHINE The imposing (and entirely fake) contraption Milgram used was marked with levels ranging from 15 volts, labelled "slight shock," up to 450 volts ("Danger: severe shock"). Among his hundreds of human guinea pigs, many later reported either discomfort or confusion, but a few suffered more serious effects — even, allegedly, a heart attack and in another case seizures. At least one expert has even argued what Milgram did meets the definition of torture under international law.

A modern Milgram

Patrick Haggard and colleagues, 2016

EXPERIMENTER
In one study, an experimenter stood over the subject and told her which key to press — a little nudge that proved to have a clear impact on subjects' actions. In another, the experimenter looked away and let the subjects decide for themselves.



STUDY TITLE: COERCION CHANGES THE SENSE OF AGENCY IN THE HUMAN BRAIN

Method: This experiment had no element of secrecy. The research subjects sat across from each other with a keyboard between them with two keys: One delivered a painful (but not dangerous) electric shock, while the other did nothing. Some subjects were told to deliver shocks (sometimes earning a small financial reward), and others were given free choice as to whether to deliver them or not. **Result:** The research subjects who were ordered by the lab assistant to deliver shocks were significantly more likely to do so.

The late Staney Milgram is an authority, albeit an extremely controversial one, in the world of psychology.

The average social psychology textbook devotes eight pages to his work, and interest in it is growing exponentially.

The question of why good, or at least normal, people sometimes do others harm has eternal appeal. It's easy to see why: If we understand that, couldn't we understand, for example, why some children are bullies, or why some people become terrorists?

Investigating that question is more complicated than it seems, says St. Thomas University psychology professor Ian Nicholson, a critic of Milgram-style experiments old and new.

"Milgram came out of an era — which hasn't completely ended — where there was a dream of being able to develop a level of exactitude toward human nature akin to the certainty we have in the natural sciences," Nicholson says. "We'd know definitively why people become bad."

Drawing conclusions about the Holocaust from people's behaviour in a lab is a logical leap too far, he argues.

Unlike research subjects, perpetrators of atrocities knew exactly what they were doing, and believed it was right. And that's the key distinction, Nicholson says.

He likens Milgram's lab to an "unusual space" like a magician's stage. You might be asked to volunteer to take a saw to someone, and it might be socially acceptable to do it. But that wouldn't make you an axe murderer. Everyone knows "Kooky, goofy, weird stuff goes on" in psych labs, he says, and people "roll with it."

In the Milgram 2.0 experiments, there was no deception. Participants knew they were dishing out real pain, and they continued. Author Patrick Haggard told Nature, "Your sense of responsibility is reduced whenever someone orders you to do something."

Still, this took place in a lab. It's hard to make a case, Nicholson says, that the results are "generalizable." What he suggests instead is less electrifying: Consult historical records, and if you want to understand people who've done horrible things, talk to them.

FASCINATING FINDS OF THE WEEK

ATTRACTIVE IDEA
For years, techies have dreamt of Magnetic Random Access Memory, a data-storage method so sturdy that in-progress essays would survive power outages; so efficient, phone batteries would last days. Until now the method (which involves reversing the spin of electrons) required a huge blast of electricity. But Dutch researchers have found a workaround: bending the electric current with a sort of anti-magnet.

FOR THE GATOR GOOD
Nesting birds in the Everglades tend to live near alligators' lairs. The reptiles are handy bodyguards against racoons and other predators who like to snatch eggs and chicks. Now there's new evidence, published in the journal PLOS One, of why alligators dig this arrangement. Wading birds lay more eggs than they can raise, and they get rid of extra chicks by pushing them out of the nest. Alligators snack on the surplus.

SOUND SMART

A hypothesis, now confirmed, for why island coasts are more biodiverse than open oceans: Currents around islands dredge up nutrient-rich water that nourishes phytoplankton, which provide food for invertebrates and fish, which attract sea birds — and presto! Coral reef.

Citizen Scientist

Should I try cutting wheat, dairy or eggs out of my child's diet?

QUESTION

My four-year-old gets frequent tummy aches. Other parents swear by eliminating irritating foods — wheat, dairy, eggs, etc. Does that actually work? Andrea in Halifax

Dear Andrea,

I can't address your child's issues from here in Toronto, and also I'm not a health professional. Get thee to your family doctor! Not Dr. Google. The dietary-advice industry is a duck pond: It's full of quacks.

To your question: Yes, elimination diets (i.e. dairy-free) have their place for children with an allergy (diagnosed by a doctor, usually with a skin test), or an intolerance (such as lactose intolerance and others).

A study out of Umeå University in Sweden this week looked at food allergies and parent-identified hypersensitivities in 2,585 seven- and eight-year-olds. Just 0.6 per cent showed evidence of reactions to at least one basic food (milk, eggs, fish or wheat). But eight times as many had parents who *said* they were allergic to one of those things. Years later, many of the kids were still on restricted diets, though the majority had either outgrown their allergy or intolerance (many do), or never had it in the first place.

Dieticians will tell you growing kids should enjoy a variety of foods. Without a good medical reason, they'd rarely advise cutting a whole category like dairy, which for all its faults is rich in calcium and protein.

Science question? Email scene@metronews.ca

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Gerard Butler: The actor we love to hate

Gerard Butler is looking to redeem his bad movie rap with London Has Fallen, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

ANALYSIS

Good looks, acting chops and bad movie role choices

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Last week as I fought traffic en route to a London Has Fallen screening, I tweeted from the back of a cab, "Out of my way people! I'm running late for a Gerard Butler movie!" It was a silly little joke, a comment to kill time as we idled in the morning rush hour.

The first response came in right away: "said no one, ever," followed by a torrent of unexpected Butler hate.

One person called him a "bouncer actor," whatever that means.

Another questioned his ability to effectively disguise his native Scottish accent and many people offered me their condolences.

Why the Butler bashing?

It's true he is a frustrating movie star. He shares the usual leading man traits that have made Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio superstars.

He's handsome, talented and built like an action star but he's been done in time after time by poor choices.

Pitt makes Fight Club, Butler makes Law Abiding Citizen. Leo stars in The Departed, Gerard does Machine Gun Preacher. Years ago the website Gawker placed Butler on movie star probation, calling him a "professional bad decision maker" alongside notable career fritterers Cuba Gooding Jr. and John Travolta. A look at his IMDB page suggests they were on to something.

He's a utility player, comfortable switching genres the way most of us change our socks. One minute he's a romantic comedy star, the next he's choking out bad guys on screen. He's flirted with Shakespeare and provided voices for cartoons.

He's done sci-fi flicks, musicals and even a rendering of the Anglo-Saxon epic poem Beowulf.

It's not like he hasn't enjoyed some very big hits. In 300 he (and his meticulously crafted six-pack) played King Leonidas, a Spartan who led 300 soldiers against the might of the Persian army.

It's the film equivalent of a heavy metal concert — loud, brutal and completely uncompromising — and it made him an action hero.

People have a soft spot for Dear Frankie, his breakout film and the one that turned him into a heartthrob with serious dramatic chops. The four-hankie U.K. tear-jerker about a single mother who resorts to trickery to keep the memory of her late husband alive in her son's mind put Butler on the world stage.

Other box office bonanzas include playing a charming mobster in the violent Guy Ritchie flick RocknRolla and voicing Viking Stoick the Vast in How to Train Your Dragon.

It's the other stuff that seems to rub people the wrong way. As a movie reviewer I can attest there are few English language words more terrifying than "New Gerard Butler Romantic Comedy" and I think it is those films that turned my Twitter followers against him.

He's a good actor but his track record in the rom-com department is particularly grim.

Critics hate these movies, calling the handsome Scottish actor's attempts at mixing love and comedy, "instantly grating," and "embarrassingly limited."

But I come to praise Butler, not to bury him. Let's give him another chance.

I made it to the London Has Fallen screening and can tell you it's a pretty good action movie. Perhaps even good enough to erase the memory of The Ugly Truth or Playing for Keeps from our collective memories.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Zootopia	★★★★
London Has Fallen	★★★
Whiskey Tango Foxtrot	★★★
The Legend of Barney Thomson	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

PREVIEW

Ghostbusters trailer blends old and new

Ghostbusters is due out on July 15. CONTRIBUTED

I ain't afraid of no Ghostbusters reboot!

The first trailer shows the summer comedy crossing the streams of the 1984 original with the signatures of director Paul Feig.

Kristen Wiig stars as Erin Gilbert, a doctor of particle physics, whose wacky team of paranormal investigators played by Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones (not a scientist, but brought in because she "knows New York") tackle New York City's ghost invasion.

Fans of Feig comedies such as Bridesmaids and The Heat will recognize his off-the-cuff comedy style, which prizes slapstick over sense. So when Melissa McCarthy is possessed by a ghost, of course it calls for Leslie Jones to slap the spooks out of her. Of course there is a haunting in a wig store. Where else would a ghost spend the afterlife?

Between the familiar synth-driven '80s theme song, the modified hearse Ecto-1, and buckets of ectoplasm, Feig's Ghostbusters world doesn't seem far removed from the '80s original. Even Slimer, the franchise mascot, is glimpsed in the trailer. We look forward to a full red-carpet confession about how he stays eternally youthful. This ghost does not look a day over 1,000.

Ghostbusters is due in theatres on July 15. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If the whole world went to the hogs

Disney's new movie Zootopia got us thinking: what if animals really did rule the world? It's not the first movie to envision an alternate version of human society. As these examples illustrate, there are some serious advantages to living in animal-centric worlds. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Babe (1995)

The kingdom: Modest barnyard with wide variety of affable talking creatures and kindly god figure Farmer Hoggett

Benefits: High tolerance for citizens with pronounced eccentricities (i.e., pigs who think they're dogs), local fairs that offer American Idol-like opportunities to emerging talents

Drawbacks: Like the goose says, "Dinner means death! Death means carnage! Christmas means carnage!"

Ants (1998)

The kingdom: An ant colony in New York's Central Park that's presented as a totalitarian, rigidly conformist society with billions of inhabitants.

Benefits: Life is hard but at least the bars have plenty of "aphid beer" and line dancing.

Drawbacks: Wars with acid-spewing termites, bitter class divisions between upper-crust ants and their proletariat lessers, constant threat of being crushed by giant sneaker tread.

Kung Fu Panda (2008)

The kingdom: The verdant valleys and majestic mountains of ancient China except most of the inhabitants don't need coats to stay warm.

Benefits: Remarkably inclusive attitudes to potentially divisive issues of species difference (tigers and monkeys enjoy friendships with insects and birds) and non-traditional families.

Drawbacks: Sizeism still rampant, inner peace as hard to achieve as ever.

Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009)

The kingdom: Parallel world of nattily dressed woodland creatures in and underneath bucolic English countryside.

Benefits: Excellent tunnel system, reputable badger attorneys, strong support for local newspaper, relaxed attitude to table manners.

Drawbacks: Rifle-toting farmers living in close vicinity, hard to maintain look of freshly pressed shirt.

Planet of the Apes (1968)

The kingdom: Brutal world in which primates occupy all roles of an early industrial society. It's really a postapocalyptic Earth!

Benefits: Chance to look bad-ass in a black leather vest, easy to get hairless-ape slaves to do the stuff you don't want to.

Drawbacks: Restrictive caste system that limits gorillas to roles as authoritarian right-wingers and chimps as intellectual liberals, no ethical constraints to prevent chimp-on-human experiments.

Zootopia: The man behind the mammals

INTERVIEW

Canadian animator rising through ranks at Disney

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Bunny officer Judy Hopps has 48 hours to crack a case in the animated movie Zootopia. ALL PHOTOS HANDOUTS

Disney animator Trent Correy may be an Ottawa native, but three years of living and working in Burbank, Calif., have changed him.

"I get home about once or twice a year now," he says. "It's hard to go in the winter, my body has adapted to here. I tend to send my parents photos of me on the beach in February when it is -42 C back home. I have flip flops on now while we're talking just to turn the knife a little bit."

Ironically the sun worshipper's breakout was helping to animate the snowman Olaf in Frozen. You've also seen his handiwork in Big Hero 6 and this weekend he's back with the furry and funny film Zootopia.

"The nice part of Zootopia was working with a number of different characters," says the Algonquin College graduate. "I worked with everything from a mouse to a sloth to an elephant. It kept the job very interesting."

Set in an alternate universe where animals, both predator and prey, live harmoniously in a city called Zootopia, the movie's funniest sequence involves a slow moving sloth named Flash. It was the first scene Correy helped animate. "There are a lot of challenges animating a sloth moving at that speed," he says, "and a lot of other challenges animating a mouse or an elephant with their different weights and animal attributes."

The 28-year-old is a rising star at Disney — he's currently working on the mythological epic Moana — so it might come as a surprise that he didn't take art in high school.

"I failed art," he admits. "It was totally my fault. I wasn't into the art history stuff at the time and I was really interested in drawing cartoons. That was looked upon as not real art so the teacher and myself had disagreements. I ended up having to take drama, and that's fun too.

"I did always love to draw. I have to thank my mom, who is an artist, who encouraged me to draw and keep going."

He rediscovered his passion for art after high school and now joins the rather long and impressive list of Canadians who are helping to shape the future of animation. I ask him why Canadians are so in demand as animators.

"There is a rich history of animation in Canada with the NFB and a lot of TV work in the '80s and '90s," he says. "I think a lot of it has to do with work ethic. I tend to see a lot of people who come from TV animation who are faster. They have to be because they get paid per frame in a lot of places in Canada, whereas here it's salary. So to make your money you have to be fast, you have to be efficient and you have to be economical in your choices.

"Our whole crew here is very international, we have people from all over the world. I think there is a bit of, 'I'm coming from a different country and I'm trying to prove myself in this big place.' It feels so far away from Ottawa."

ZOOTOPIA

Moosebridge 'has more hair'

Good things happen to Peter Mansbridge at airports.

Back in 1968, the veteran news anchor was a 19-year-old ticket agent working in an airport in Churchill, Man., when a CBC station manager heard his booming voice over the airport PA system. The random "audition" led to Mansbridge being hired to host the local CBC station's late-night music program. News jobs in Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Ottawa followed before the London-native replaced Knowlton Nash in 1988 as sole anchor for CBC's The National.

Flash forward several decades. Mansbridge was at Toronto's Pearson International Airport on his way to Vancouver.

"I was going through the security line," he says, "and the guy behind me said, 'Hey, you're Peter Mansbridge, right? I'm with Disney and I just came out of a meeting where we were talking about trying to get you involved in an animated feature we're doing.'"

"Sure, you're from Disney," thought Mansbridge. Nevertheless, they exchanged business cards. "Very soon after I got an email and it was clear he really was from Disney."

The offer was for Mansbridge to provide the voice of news anchor Peter Moosebridge in Zootopia. The Disney animated feature is about a brave little bunny who helps clean up crime in a big city full of animals.

Peter Mansbridge (inset), anchor for CBC's The National, lends his voice to a moose in Zootopia. HANDOUT PHOTO

A few things had to be worked out before Mansbridge could answer his moose call. Outside work is a sensitive issue at CBC and the job had to be vetted.

"We take our journalism seriously," says Mansbridge. "We don't want our journalism to be seen in a light that doesn't reflect well upon the series."

This was, however, Disney, not South Park. As Mansbridge notes, CBC has carried Disney's flagship TV series since the '50s.

Besides, as he says, the part was hardly a stretch. "They just wanted my voice — they didn't want me to try and act like a moose."

Different if the character had been a weasel. A moose? Now that's Canadian. "It doesn't look like me." Mansbridge adds. "It has more hair than I do."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The family of Nina Simone have decried the casting choice of Zoe Saldana (pictured below) for a biopic, because she is lighter skinned than Simone. DAVID REDFERN/REDFERNS/GETTY IMAGES

FEUD

Simone estate slams casting call in biopic

If there was any doubt about how Nina Simone's family feels about the upcoming biopic starring Zoe Saldana, recent social media posts make it clear they are not pleased.

A fresh round of criticism for the film erupted after the trailer and poster for Nina were unveiled Wednesday.

Saldana posted a quote from the singer and civil rights activist on Twitter, and Simone's estate responded with: "Cool story but please take Nina's name out your mouth. For the rest of your life."

Simone's daughter and others have decried the choice to cast a light-skinned actress as the African-American activist since Saldana took the part in 2012. Her skin was apparently darkened for the role.

At the time, Simone's daughter, Simone Kelly, said: "Appearance-wise this is not the best choice."

"My mother was raised at a time when she was told her nose was too wide, her skin was too dark," Kelly told the New York Times in a 2012 interview.

The Simone estate tweeted Wednesday: "Hopefully people begin to understand this is painful. Gut-wrenching, heartbreaking, nauseating, soul-crushing. It shall pass, but for now..."

The singer's estate co-operated with producers of the Netflix documentary What Happened, Miss Simone? which was nominated for an Oscar this year.

Robert L. Johnson, founder and chairman of the studio releasing Nina, describes Saldana's performance as "an exceptional and mesmerizing tribute."

"She gave her heart and soul to the role and displayed her extraordinary talent," he said in a statement Thursday.

"The most important thing is that creativity or quality of performance should never be judged on the basis of colour, or ethnicity, or physical likeness."

Representatives for Saldana and the Simone estate did not respond to requests for comment Thursday.

RLJ Entertainment will release Nina in theatres, digital HD and video on demand on April 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War correspondent's book comes to big screen

INTERVIEW

Author's life made into a movie starring Tina Fey

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Fey stars in Whiskey Tango Foxtrot, based on the book The Taliban Shuffle by Barker. HANDOUT

"To be a good journalist you have to be a bit of a chameleon," says Kim Barker. "You have to be accepting of different cultures, different languages and different situations. I have always been the kind of person who feels like they can go into any situation and fit in."

In real life, Barker is a journalist who worked at the Chicago Tribune as a reporter and volunteered to become a foreign correspondent in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In reel life, she's played by Tina Fey in Whiskey Tango Foxtrot as an expatriate television journalist addicted to the rush of living and working in a war zone.

Whiskey Foxtrot Tango plays like Animal House with warlords, or maybe Fear and Loathing in Afghanistan, but Barker describes the reality of her time there in more poetic terms.

"In Afghanistan everything looks like a picture," says Barker. "Everything is so beautiful. The people are beautiful. The landscape is beautiful. You are surrounded by mountains when you're in Kabul. (The people) are very friendly, very direct with very good sense of humour. Also Afghanistan has men with long beards and pick up trucks and guns who hate the government. That is familiar to me. I grew up in Montana."

At the beginning of her time abroad Barker was a fish out of water but soon learned to culturally adapt and love the country.

"I remember on my second trip there meeting a guy who asked if I wanted to go fishing with him. I grew up fishing but fishing in Afghanistan is a little bit different because it usually involved throwing a grenade into the lake and stunning the fish or blowing them out of the water or using generator wires to electrocute them. That just doesn't seem very sporting to me."

Barker's book, The Taliban Shuffle came to Tina Fey shortly after a New York Times review mentioned Barker's similarity to the comedic actress.

"Tina Fey saw it," Barker says. "I think her people probably showed it to her or my people. I don't really have people but my agent sent it over to her people. She read the book and within two weeks of that review coming out she pushed Paramount and Lorne Michaels (who produced the movie) to option the book and make it into a movie.

"(People) said, 'Who's going to play you?' I said, 'A smart funny woman in Hollywood,' and everybody was like, 'Tina Fey?' It was everybody's first answer."

Barker describes having her life turned into a film as surreal.

"It's hard to even think about," she says, "people seeing this in a theatre. They are going to equate me with Kim Barker even though (that) Kim Barker is a version of me. It's fictionalized."

She says the film screenwriter Robert Carlock told her early on that they would have to "Hollywood this up." Changes to the basic story were made, and when they sent her a final copy of the script in 2014 she couldn't bring herself to read it. Finally her best friend read the script "to make sure it is not going to embarrass you."

"She read it and said, 'It's fine. It's good. It's really good. You're probably not going to like parts of it because it makes you seem more heroic than you think of yourself.' She was absolutely right. I'm not that brave."

> **Afghanistan has men with long beards and pick up trucks and guns who hate the government. That is familiar to me. I grew up in Montana.**
> Kim Barker, journalist

Aim to get diversity down to a fine art

MULTICULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Galleries acknowledge need to mix it up more

Catherine Kustanczy
For Metro Canada

Visitors look at an exhibition of landscape paintings at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Everyone has their own idea of what Canadian art is. The landscapes depicted by the Group of Seven painters in the early 20th century, beautiful as they are, don't fully represent the Canada of the 21st century, particularly its racial diversity.

A report published in Canadian Art magazine this past spring examined demographics of solo exhibitions of living artists at Canadian public institutions had disappointing results: 56 per cent of shows were by white male artists. Just 11 per cent were by non-white male and female artists.

"A lot of change needs to happen," says Sandra Brewster, a multi-media artist whose work examines race and identity. "Institutions must engage with these artists."

Charmaine Lurch agrees. "If we're not in those power structures, in those areas, then we're not known, and not invited in," says the award-winning arts researcher and interdisciplinary artist. "I think our work is seen more as a decoration."

Engagement is just one of the steps in a larger overall process, says Andrew Hunter, the Fredrik S. Eaton Curator of Canadian Art at the Art Gallery of Ontario. "One of the things we've been talking a lot about is, what is it visitors expect? What are their preconceptions? If you continue to think of your country and your country's story through images of an empty landscape, that doesn't encourage them to think of the cultural diversity of the country."

Melanie Kjorlien, Vice President of Access, Collections and Exhibitions at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, echoes this. "People have a greater awareness of the Group of Seven and Emily Carr — it's something they think they should see. We put those things in our mix of programming, but we also try to include other stuff that people might not be familiar with. We are conscious of wanting to add to the collection things that reflect the community, including diverse artists coming to the fore."

Both Lurch and Brewster say leadership at Canadian arts institutions should more accurately reflect Canada's multicultural landscape. "If they feel that diversity is important, which is something we all keep hearing about, then they should find strategies to make diversity happen — in offices, in programming, in their collections, and in their audiences," Brewster says.

Hunter agrees. "The mix of (leadership) has to be reflective, and I think that's a challenge for many institutions. Many are making strides but everybody also recognizes there's a long way to go."

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THE TV DINNER **JESSICA ALLEN**

Knowing that Downton was soon to end, I got curious. Have Anna and Bates found happiness at long last?

When Downton Abbey concludes on March 6, there's little chance the series finale will abruptly cut to black, followed by excruciating silence, leaving loyal fans wondering if Lord Grantham got whacked. It would be preposterous — and not only because David Chase already did that back in 2007 when he ended The Sopranos but also because Downton's creator Julian Fellowes knows his fans: they would not tolerate an ambiguous ending whose meaning (like Chase's) could be debated for eternity. They want a happy conclusion, preferably bow-tied by the likes of Mr. Carson.

Over six seasons, the British drama has chronicled the lives lived both upstairs and downstairs in the Georgian-era country home. Simon and I used to watch Downton together. But when plots started to approximate soap operas as in both length and content — Anna and Mr. Bates have to be two of the unluckiest characters ever on TV — no amount of tea cups, gorgeous Edwardian costuming and posh accents could help make the show feel more than a guilty pleasure. We tuned out.

But knowing that Downton was soon to end, I got curious. What has Mrs. Patmore been cooking up in the kitchen? Did Lady Sybil come back from the dead? Have Anna and Bates found happiness at long last? So I read some episode recaps, skipped straight ahead to Season 6, and breathed a sigh of relief to see that the Dowager Countess, played by Dame Maggie Smith, hadn't lost her penchant for acerbic aphorisms.

THE SERIES: Downton Abbey

THE MEAL: An alone-time dinner

It looks like Thomas Barrow, "the most consistent plotter of nefarious schemes for nearly all six seasons of the show," as Vulture recently put it, may have atoned for past sins and be redeemed. And yes, there are still over-the-top sensational moments: in Episode 5 Lord Grantham's ulcer takes a turn for the worse and he literally starts spewing blood from his mouth during dinner.

But I did my catching up solo: Simon refused to return to Downton. So on Sunday night I'll tune in with an alone-time dinner. That's what I call a meal I'd never make for anyone else but me; simple food you'd be embarrassed to serve — even to your judgement-free partner — on account of it not approximating what most of us think of as dinner. For me, this is a green salad with thin slices of raw, red onion, some tangy goat cheese and a lemon dressing served alongside a big fat piece of baguette with butter and a crisp, dry white wine.

I already know how I want Downton to end. Imagine we flash forward to today when tour groups are being lead through the seemingly endless rooms by the current owners. They make their money by opening up the home; is a bit of meta realism considering this is how most of England's great country estates survive today — including Highclere Castle which doubles as Downton. A little boy on the tour notices a photo on the wall of Lady Mary. 'What happened to her?' he will ask. The new Lord will explain, and so on so forth, until the sepia-toned portraits of a vanished era have yielded lives fully lived. "All life is a series of problems which we must try and solve, first one and then the next and then the next," as the Dowager said, "until at last we die."

But I'm not holding my breath.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

DO A 'W' TAKE

After six seasons, people get it: The name is Downton Abbey. Not 'Downtown' Abbey. So why not a less risky title for the series? Julian Fellowes explains:

"I have always been rather an admirer of my great-grandfather, Professor John Wrightson, 1840-1916, who was an experimental agriculturalist.

"His eldest brother, Sir Thomas Wrightson, Bart., of Neasham Hall in Yorkshire, had done great things in the world of steel and their aunt was married to Lord Armstrong, the British Krupp of armaments, but John was more interested in farming.

"He had an estate in Wiltshire called Charford Manor and I thought of calling the series 'Charford Abbey,' but we decided it was too near Cranford, and so we settled on 'Downton' after Downton College of Agriculture which Wrightson founded in 1880 and which, for a quarter of a century, was at the forefront of agricultural innovation."

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Michael Fox as Andy Parker, and Sophie McShera as Daisy Mason in Downton Abbey. MASTERPIECE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

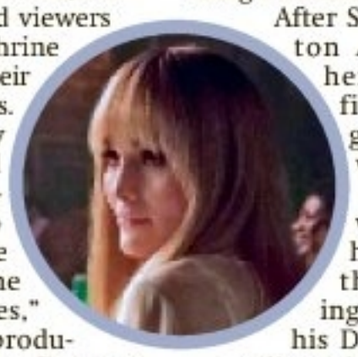
After Downton Abbey: Some killer new roles

OUT OF CHARACTER

Farewell Lady Mary, hello sleazy ex-con, and more

What's happening to certain Downton Abbey stars is downright criminal.

Joanne Froggatt, pictured below, the TV drama's vulnerable Anna Bates, is morphing into a 19th-century serial killer in PBS' Dark Angel. **Michelle Dockery**, seen at centre, who plays coolly elegant Lady Mary in Downton, is a sleazy American ex-convict in TNT's Good Behavior. And **Kevin Doyle**, the good-hearted Mr. Molesley, is a bad-hearted police detective in Netflix's Happy Valley.



The end of PBS's Downton Abbey after six seasons means new career paths for its stars, with both the upstairs and downstairs crew embracing change-of-pace roles — although devoted viewers may want to enshrine them forever as their beloved characters.

"Anybody who's watched and loved Downton is going to remember these characters for the rest of their lives," said executive producer Gareth Neame. But cast members "can't put a pin in their career and say that's it."

British actors are especially keen on variety and like "to move away from things they've been previously successful with," Neame said.

Froggatt said change is part of acting's allure.

"After playing a role that you've loved playing for years, there is a certain part of you that goes, 'I fancy doing something a bit different," she said.

After Sunday's Downton Abbey finale, here's where to find its former gentry and servants:

Hugh Bonneville (Lord Grantham): Possibly the actor staying closest to his Downton pedigree, he plays Lord Louis Mountbatten in the Indian independence movie Viceroy's House.

Laura Carmichael (Lady Edith): Takes on a sibling role again in the 1940s history-based romance, A United Kingdom, introducing her sister to her future husband, an African prince.

Brendan Coyle (John Bates): Plays English politician Augustine Birrell in the historical Irish film drama The Rising. Also in the romantic movie Me Before You, based on the novel by Jojo Moyes.

Elizabeth McGovern (Lady Cora): Writing and recording her fourth album with the band Sadie and the Hotheads. In April, starting rehearsals at the National Theatre in London for Sunset at the Villa Thalia.

Allen Leech (Tom Branson), pictured below: In the film Hunter's Prayer, based on Kevin Wignall's novel For the Dogs, Leech plays the former boss of a hired assassin whose assignment goes awry.

Penelope Wilton (Isobel Crawley): As lonely wife Pauline in the upcoming British TV series Brief Encounters, set in the 1980s, Wilton is one of four women whose lives are changed when they start selling exotic lingerie at house parties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jann Arden and Jon Montgomery in Toronto on Thursday. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meet the Junos' hosts with the most

Watch your backs, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, because Canadian singer Jann Arden and Olympic gold medallist Jon Montgomery are coming for your comedic hosting crowns.

The Calgary-born singer and former skeleton racer from Russell, Man., are teaming up to host this year's Juno Awards in Calgary, and Arden likens their duties to the unforgettable pairing of Fey and Poehler at the Golden Globes.

"We're going to beat our writers up and say, 'No, give us something else to say!' until it's right," Arden jokes.

"I've got 19 gown changes, so it's going to be exhausting."

Arden says she's aiming high for the Junos given the splash that several Canadian nominees made internationally in the past year. And some of them are lined up to take the stage to perform, including The Weeknd, Alessia Cara and Shawn Mendes.

"You've got Canadians displacing other Canadians for the top of the charts," adds Montgomery.

"If that doesn't paint a picture of what we can proudly lay claim to here in Canada ... then nothing is going to do it for you."

Over the next month, Arden and Montgomery will brainstorm ideas on how to make their hosting duties special.

"We're going to have a lot of fun," Arden says.

"I know that seems kind of trite, but we're supposed to be referees, we're supposed to keep the show moving and set a tone."

Only hours after meeting each other for the first time, the hosts were already exchanging the sort of witty banter you'd expect from two old friends.

Both are also bringing a formidable level of experience to the table, as they've already fronted major Canadian TV events.

Arden, who rose to fame on Canada's music scene in the 1990s with hits like Could I Be Your Girl and Insensitive, previously hosted the 1997 Juno Awards in Hamilton. That's when Celine Dion and Bryan Adams took home statues for best female and male vocalists.

Montgomery has sharpened his skills as the host of Amazing Race Canada for three seasons.

"John's very charismatic," Arden says.

"He's got good teeth and hair — that reads very well on television." THE CANADIAN PRESS

WATCH

The Juno Awards will air on April 3 on CTV.

TV BRIEFS

A scene from the Fuller House sequel series. HANDOUT

Fuller House renewed for second season

Netflix has announced via Twitter that Fuller House has already been renewed for a second season. All 13 of Season 1's episodes came out on Feb. 26. The original series starred Bob Saget, Lori Loughlin, John Stamos, and Dave Coulier who have appeared in the revival show. AFP

The Force Awakens comes to home video in April

Soon you won't have to travel to a galaxy — or a theatre — far, far away to see Star Wars blockbuster. The Force Awakens is set to be released on home video next month. It will be available for purchase On Demand beginning April 1 and on Blu-ray and DVD on April 5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Newfoundland's Iceberg Alley is full of great white wonder

Nature's frozen carvings drift through Iceberg Alley each spring and summer but early arrivals near Newfoundland's eastern shores have already lit up social media.

Eric Abbott did a double take in mid-January when he first saw a giant slab off Elliston, N.L. Since then, his photos of it and another water-sculpted berg off the pretty coastal town of Bonavista have drawn admirers from around the province and beyond.

"Most of the time I've seen them in March or April," he said in an interview. "There's people saying 'Eric, you think they'll be there in March month?' I say: 'My darling, the one in Elliston is grounded, it's only shifting back and forth. I allow it'll be there in August.'"

Many Newfoundlanders who posted photos of an iceberg spotted in mid-February off Signal Hill in St. John's said it's the earliest they can remember big ice showing up.

Byron Briggs, superintendent of Atlantic region ice operations for the Canadian Coast Guard, said it's not unusual to have icebergs off Newfoundland's east coast this time of year.

"The difference being this time, some of them are close enough to shore for people to see. In 2014 there were definitely more bergs than there are now, but most of them were about 100 miles off."

Only ships out to sea would have caught a glimpse, Briggs said in an interview. Icebergs have to be within about 20 kilometres of shore to be visible from land, he added.

Gabrielle McGrath, commander of the United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol, has done recent surveillance flights over the region. The patrol was formed after the Titanic disaster in 1912, and works with Canadian partners to track icebergs in North Atlantic shipping lanes.

More than 20 bergs have so far been spotted in those lanes and many more originating from Greenland glaciers are heading south, McGrath said in an interview.

"It's hard to give a prediction exactly, but I think there is a potential to have a decent amount of icebergs this year."

McGrath said an interesting weather pattern of cold and warm spells combined with storm systems help explain a few things. "Some of the bergs have been pushed onshore maybe a little earlier than they would in the past."

Icebergs photographed close to Newfoundland and Labrador coastlines in past years have reached 45 metres in height while long, flat tabular giants have been estimated at five kilometres in length or more. Waves mould them into spectacular shapes that resemble cathedrals, pyramids and glass archways streaked with blue — and sometimes running with waterfalls. They are believed to be at least 12,000-year-old specimens of pure water.

Cecil Stockley, owner and operator of Iceberg Man tours in Twillingate on Newfoundland's northeast coast, takes groups out starting in May. In recent years he has hosted visitors from across North and Central America and as far away as Russia, China and Japan. "They come looking for icebergs.," he said.

To avoid disappointment, Stockley urges tourists to check in with local operators before they make the trip.

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An iceberg near Bonavista, N.L. on Feb. 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TIPS

How to save a bundle on spring break vacation

This year, spring break will be a tricky affair for some, with the school break at some schools coinciding with an early Easter weekend. But travel experts have a few insider tips on how to save a few bucks for your winter getaway.

According to analysts at flight tracker Hopper, the best days to book a flight are Monday to Wednesdays, when flyers can save up to 25 per cent on their airfare, compared to flights scheduled for Thursday to Saturdays.

And though tempting, budget-conscious travellers are advised to forget Friday departures, which are the most expensive.

Here are a few other tips:

Keeping a few tips in mind will help you save and have fun over spring break. ISTOCK

Spring break shoulder

If you can, try booking a trip in early March or late April to avoid the most expensive times to travel.

March Breaks that spill over to Easter are, predictably, the most expensive, posting a 45 per cent premium. The week of March 23, and April 6 are the second and third most expensive weeks.

Book now

The longer you wait, the more expensive the flight will be.

How much more? Booking less than two weeks in advance adds 33 per cent to the ticket price. Booking within three days? That will cost you 66 per cent more.

Monitor prices

In addition to the Hopper app which predicts drops in airfare, other flight tracking apps and sites include Airfare Watchdog, Skyscanner, Momondo and Google Flights.

It may also be worth signing up for alerts to low-budget airlines such as JetBlue, EasyJet, AirAsia, Ryanair, and the newest players on the block, Norwegian Air and WOW Air, which have been selling transatlantic one-way airfares for as little as $99 U.S.

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TRAVEL NOTES OUTSIDER ART, CAMPER VANS, CACTUS LEAGUE

Outsider art museum opens in The Netherlands

A museum of outsider art is opening March 17 as part of the Hermitage Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Outsider art is art created by self-taught artists, unknowns and others outside the art establishment. It is also variously referred to as folk art, art brut and raw art. The new venture is a project of the Het Dolhuys in Haarlem, a museum of psychiatry, in partnership with other organizations.

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The Hermitage Amsterdam will feature a museum of outsider art. ISTOCK

Company rents out VW campers

Planning a road trip in a camper? Consider a set of old-school wheels. A Seattle-based company, Peace Vans Rentals, has fully restored Volkswagen camper vans, all Westfalia models built between 1987 and 1991. They sleep up to four adults and come with a built-in stove, sink and storage space. Included with the rental are cookware, utensils and headlamps, and a French press.

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Peace Van Rentals has restored old-school campers. HANDOUT

Behold the Cactus League games

Arizona is getting ready for spring training season. Fifteen Major League Baseball teams play around the Phoenix metropolitan area as part of what's called the Cactus League. Spring training in Arizona has been a tradition since the 1940s when the Cleveland Indians and the New York Giants were the only teams that practiced there. The games run through April 2 in advance of MLB's opening day, April 3.

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Yu Darvish at training. FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

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A calming presence in the delivery room

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For expectant mothers and anxious fathers, a calming presence in the delivery room can make all the difference in the world. And doulas can be that supportive advocate that helps guide parents through the birthing process and help foster a more positive experience.

"The main thing is that we keep clients moving. The more you move in labour, the faster, more comfortable, and less stressed," says Julie Western, co-chair of the Manitoba Association for Childbirth and Family Education said. "We're there for emotional and physical support."

Doulas are welcome into the hospital by doctors and nurses, Western explained. But there are limitations to what they can do.

"People often get midwives and doulas confused," she says. "As a doula I can't administer medical treatment — I can't take their temperature or their blood pressure."

However, doulas can serve as a consistent presence throughout the birth experience.

"[Doulas] are the one person there throughout the whole time," Western says. "Nurses and doctors go on break, change shifts; medical residents come in. You could see 15 people in a day. The stability of having one person there the whole time is comforting."

Western explained that during the process, they serve not only as a support mechanism for the mother, but as an advocate. She said that parents, caught up in the moment, may forget some of the decisions and desires they've previously expressed. As a calm support network, doulas can help to advocate for the family and ensure their desires are met.

In general, doulas start working with their clients during the seventh or eighth month — though they have had clients who decided they wanted doula support the day of birth. The usual process starts with pre-natal meetings, runs through the birth, and continues with a couple of post-partum meetings. Doulas provide information, education, and support. MACFE also offers prenatal classes.

"We don't replace partners; we work as a team," she says. "We believe nobody should go through childbirth alone."

Western added that their clientele includes couples and single mothers — and their commitment to ensuring that everyone has birthing support extends to the fact that they offer sliding payment scales for those with limited income.

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"Yeah, I don't care": LeBron James' reaction to those who are upset about his recent visit with Dwyane Wade in Miami

Field stacked for the Brier

CURLING

McEwen to play for national title for first time

Winnipeg skip Mike McEwen picked a tough year to make his long-awaited Tim Hortons Brier debut.

The field is stacked for the upcoming Canadian men's curling championship at TD Place in Ottawa. Reigning Olympic champion Brad Jacobs of Northern Ontario, two-time Brier champ Kevin Koe of Alberta, top-ranked Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador and four-time world champion Glenn Howard of Ontario are some of the headliners.

Other contenders include defending champion Pat Simmons and his Team Canada rink along with B.C.'s Jim Cotter, Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard and Saskatchewan's Steve Laycock.

"There is probably six, seven or eight teams that have a legitimate shot," McEwen said.

Prince Edward Island's Adam Casey and New Brunswick's Mike Kennedy have also secured berths in the main draw, which begins Saturday afternoon at the 10,000-seat venue. The 12th and final spot goes to the winner of a qualification round-robin between Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy, Bob Smallwood of the Yukon, Jamie Koe of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut's Wade Kingdon.

McEwen and his team of B.J. Neufeld, Matt Wozniak and Denni Neufeld capped an unbeaten run in the Manitoba playdowns with a 4-2 win over Canadian junior champion Matt Dunstone in the final. It was McEwen's first provincial title after settling for runner-up finishes in five of the last six years.

"I have no doubt that myself and probably some of my guys will have a bit of anxiety that first game when we step out on the ice," McEwen said. "That'll be there for sure and then I think we'll get comfortable pretty quick in that environment."

Mike McEwen's rink was unbeaten during the Manitoba playdowns to win the provincial title. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE PRIZE

The gold medallist will represent Canada at the April 2-10 world men's curling championship in Basel, Switzerland.

McEwen, 35, has been a powerhouse on the Grand Slam circuit for years and holds the No. 3 position on the Canadian Team Ranking System standings.

Jacobs, meanwhile, settled for a second-place finish last year after dropping an extra-end decision to Simmons in the final. The Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., rink won the Brier in 2013 before taking Olympic gold the following year in Sochi, Russia.

Menard won the Brier in 2006 while Kevin Koe was victorious in 2010 and 2014.

Howard, a national champion in 1987, 1993, 2007 and 2012, will be making his record 16th appearance at the Brier.

Adam Spencer has been added to the roster as a replacement for Wayne Middaugh, who broke his leg in a skiing crash last January.

Gushue holds the No. 1 spot in the CTRS standings. The 2006 Olympic champion is hoping his 13th career Brier appearance will prove lucky and get him that elusive national title.

"There are still goals I want to achieve," Gushue said in a recent interview. "Obviously the Brier is the big one for me."

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NHL

Tough luck grounds Jets in OT

Kyle Okposo scored off a quirky rebound 2:20 into overtime to give the New York Islanders a 4-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday.

Islanders winger Brock Nelson blasted the puck toward the net, but it hit Jets forward Nikolaj Ehlers in the face and Okposo got the rebound and shot it in past goalie Michael Hutchinson.

The loss was Winnipeg's sixth straight at home and ninth in their last 10 home games.

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Centre Mark Scheifele had given the Jets a 3-2 lead with 2:03 remaining in regulation on his second goal of the game.

But the Islanders took advantage of an extra attacker and Nick Leddy sent the match into overtime when he got a good screen in front of Hutchinson and tied it with 29 seconds left.

Calvin de Haan and Shane Prince also scored for New York (35-20-7). Thomas Greiss made 26 saves.

Hutchinson turned aside 23 of the 27 shots he faced for the Jets (26-32-5), while Tyler Myers also scored. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mickelson figures out new-look Doral

GOLF

American star is third and seeking first win since 2013

Phil Mickelson's scores from Doral over the past two years clearly suggested that the re-designed Blue Monster wasn't completely to his liking.

He had to re-learn a course that he played for more than 20 years, and indicated Thursday that he finally has the new Doral figured out.

Mickelson shot a 5-under 67 on Thursday in the opening round of the Cadillac Championship, the first World Golf Championships event of the year. Seeking his first win since the British Open in 2013, Mickelson made seven birdies and finished the day one shot back of leaders Scott Piercy and Marcus Fraser.

"There is a bit of a learning curve on some of the contours and where you have to go and where you want to go and the best place to be," Mickelson said. "It's not like I came in here weeks before and mapped it out like a major. You're here only the week of. But this is our third year here now and it continues to get better each year."

Phil Mickelson jokes with fans as he walks onto the ninth hole during the first round of the World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

Fraser had seven birdies before his lone bogey of the day, and Piercy also got to 7 under at one point before settling for his 66. Mickelson made bogey only twice, immediately erasing each with a birdie on the following hole, and the 67 was nearly six full shots better than his average round score at Doral in his previous two visits.

His best round on the Blue Monster in 2014 was a 69, and his low score at Doral last year was 71.

"It was a good day," said Mickelson, who feigned disbelief when his chip on the par-5 8th — his 17th of the day — stopped inches from the hole, leaving him a tap-in birdie. "I hit a lot of good shots, made some good putts and just drove it well, enjoyed the day."

Danny Willett, Adam Scott, Jason Dufner and Charley Hoffman were all two shots back of Piercy, each carding 68s. World No. 1 Jordan Spieth was in a group another shot back, three off the pace at 3 under, and said that even on a relatively calm day by Doral weather standards, it felt like a grind.

Spieth was in a featured group, with world No. 2 Jason Day and No. 3 Rory McIlroy with him. McIlroy shot 1 under, Day finished at even par.

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IN BRIEF

Price predicts return to Habs

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price is optimistic he'll be able to play again this season, although he isn't saying when he might rejoin his teammates on the ice.

Price has been out with a lower-body injury since Nov. 25 and has seen the Canadiens drift out of playoff contention after they started the year with nine consecutive victories.

The Habs entered their contest against the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday night with 18 games left and a host of teams to leapfrog to make the playoffs.

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A-Rod homers in Yanks loss

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer on the second pitch of his 2016 spring training debut Thursday as the New York Yankees lost 13-4 to a Philadelphia Phillies' split squad. Carlos Beltran had a one-out single in the first, and A-Rod homered on a 1-0 pitch from Adam Morgan.

"It was surprising," Rodriguez said. "That was the last thing (I expected)."

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Floyd returns to help Blue Jays take down Pirates

Finally healthy after a three-year battle with injuries, right-hander Gavin Floyd turned in a solid start for the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday in a 10-8 win against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Justin Smoak hit a towering solo home run for the Blue Jays. The ball cleared the concourse in right-centre field. Floyd worked two innings and gave up one run on two hits. He walked one and struck out two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pistorius appeal dismissed

South Africa's highest court has dismissed Oscar Pistorius's appeal of his murder conviction, a lawyer said Thursday, signalling that the former track star's long legal battle since he killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp may be drawing to a close.

The ruling by the constitutional Court clears the way for a judge to sentence the double-amputee runner for murder at a hearing scheduled for April 18. The minimum sentence for murder in South Africa is 15 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Protein Pancakes with Cottage Cheese

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Makes 6 pancakes

Ingredients
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp fine sea salt
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- 3/4 cup low-fat milk
- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- Butter for pan

Directions
1. In a large mixing bowl, stir together the flour, baking soda, sea salt and cinnamon.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs, cottage cheese, milk and oil.
3. Add the egg mixture to the flour and whisk until just combined.
4. Heat a large skillet or griddle over medium high heat and then toss in a pat of butter. Working in batches, form each pancake by pouring about 1/4 cup of batter into the pan. Cook pancakes until they are golden brown and bubbles break on the surface; then flip. Allow to cook through, about another minute. Serve with either maple syrup or a spoonful of Greek yogurt and honey.

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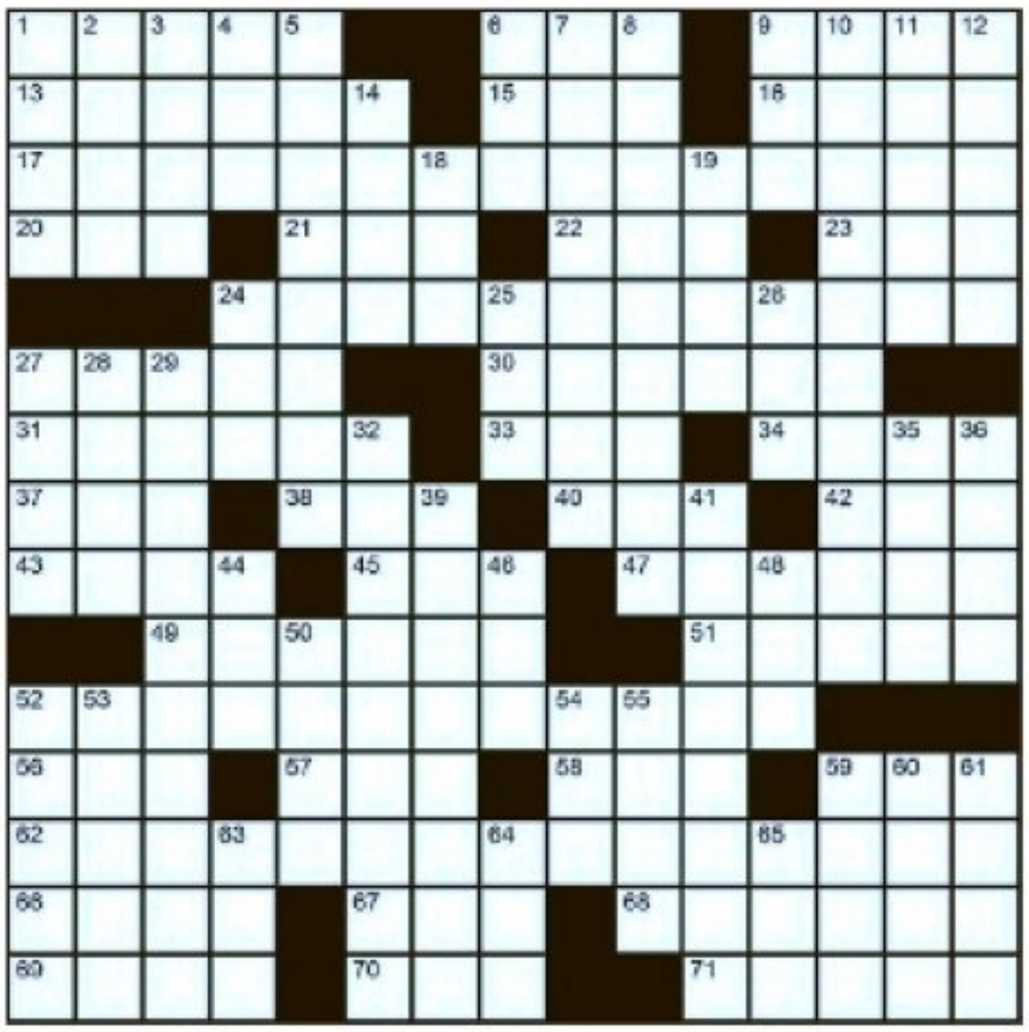
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. A. _ & Co. Productions (Company-with-a-Canadian-co-founder behind the show at #52-Across)
6. Soul: French
9. Disapproves
13. Couch potato's dinner table: 2 wds.
15. Mr. Brooks
16. Juice berry
17. Canadian Forces... Meritorious Service Cross and General Campaign Star: 2 wds.
20. Poetic contraction
21. Sing-y syllable
22. Vintage record label
23. "_ Mir Bist Du Schon" by The Andrews Sisters
24. Popular palettes in interior decor now: 2 wds.
27. Gladiator's 553
30. RSVP 'yes'
31. Country singer Lee Ann
33. Avril's Sk8er's gender
34. Window part
37. Bon _ (High society)
38. Kit _
40. 'Proto' suffix (Amoebae, and kin)
42. Compete
43. Predicament
45. Wee weekday
47. LA Dodgers division: acr. + wd.
49. _ and tribulations
51. Ms. Flynn Boyle's
52. As per #1-Across... Culinary reality show for Chef Gordon Ramsay: 2 wds.
56. 'Human' suffix
57. European peak
58. Demure
59. Trendy
62. Really cold temperature: 3 wds.
66. Spa service, _-pedi
67. Position
68. Savoured
69. Belonging to London's wee country
70. ER pros
71. Alison Moyet's "Don't Go" duo

DOWN
1. Bank _.
2. Ancient 1007
3. "_ cost ya!"
4. Prefix to 'angle'
5. Magical feat for Wayne Gretzky: 2 wds.
6. Ms. Poehler
7. Television doctor: 2 wds.
8. Public speaking strength
9. Universal ideal
10. One admiring a coral reef at great depth: 2 wds.
11. R.U.R. playwright Mr. Capek
12. Oui ouis ...in Barcelona: 2 wds.
14. Lively
18. Mr. Liotta
19. Mr. Berkus
24. Angelina Jolie role
25. Capture
26. Ward workers, wee-ly
27. Tom Bergeron hosts it [acronym]
28. Ribbon bow part
29. "Hey, that's the truth!": 3 wds.
32. 'Of Ghosts and Gods' metal band from Montreal
35. Ms. Kudrow
36. Allows
39. Where a gardener might plant bulbs: 2 wds.
41. Back street
44. Li'l old MTV show
46. Ballpark fig.
48. Pallid
50. Time _ _ a premium
52. Player's call in blackjack: 2 wds.
53. Mr. Hawke
54. Nero's 250
55. Laugh-a-minute
59. "Eraser" Canadian noise/punk band
60. Nabisco's famous treat
61. Extinct bird of Mauritius
63. '_' _ for Rimouski
64. Sci-Fi movie extras
65. Ms. Gabor, for short

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
An offer may seem attractive but don't commit yourself too quickly. Consider the pros and cons before deciding whether or not it is the right move for you. Opportunities are like buses — there will always be another.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be on your guard when dealing with people one-to-one. You may not be the sort who gives your trust too easily but some people can be very persuasive. Don't let them sway you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Why are you so defensive? Every time someone says something you take it as a personal slight. You're overreacting but this phase won't last long. You'll forget about it soon.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are tired from the constant running around you've been doing but you're also pleased by the progress you've made. You'll make more progress today if you slow down and concentrate on one specific aim.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Some of the changes taking place may not be to your liking but there is nothing you can do about them. You know that, sooner or later, everything works out for the best.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You won't let anyone coerce you into doing things you don't approve of. Now extend your protection to those who cannot look after themselves. Take them under your wing.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be on your toes where anything of a financial nature is concerned. There is little doubt you will succeed but you will also attract people who think they can get rich at your expense.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to be constantly on the go, no doubt due to Mars, planet of ego and energy, in your birth sign. But even a Scorpio has limits, so slow down and focus on essentials.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Mistakes are a fact of life but if you find yourself making the same mistake over and over you can be sure that something's wrong. The world won't change for you, so you must change in response to the world.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Go all out to make a good impression on those you live and work with today. Creatively and romantically this is a great time for you and if you believe that you deserve to be lucky and loved then you will be.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you find it hard to live within your means that is a sign you're doing too many things for too many people — and paying too much for the privilege. How many of your "friends" really care for you? Be ruthless today.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how tough the challenge, you will pass with flying colours. You are endowed with the kind of self-belief that can move mountains.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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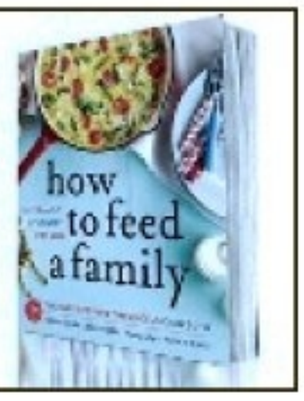

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